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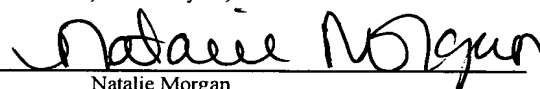
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Title: TECHNIQUE FOR COLLECTING
OPERATING INFORMATION FROM
NETWORK ELEMENTS, AND FOR
CONTROLLING NETWORK ELEMENT
BEHAVIOR IN A FEEDBACK-
BASED, ADAPTIVE DATA NETWORK

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AMENDMENT B (ACCOMPANYING RCE FILED HERewith)

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Dear Sir:

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner enters the following amendments in response to the Final Office Action dated 26 November 2002, a response to which is due on 26 February 2003.

In the Claims:

Please substitute the following clean claims 1, 40, 47, and 53 for any previous corresponding claims. A marked up version of the claims is present in the attached Appendix.

Sub A
B 1. (Amended Twice) A method for providing dynamic feedback control of network elements in a data network, the data network including a plurality of network elements, each of said network elements having a plurality operating parameters associated therewith, said